How are you feeling?
What resources or supports have been helpful to you during this time?

Please use the hand-raising & chat function to share.
ORGANIC EFFORTS TOWARDS HEALTH EQUITY-DRIVEN POLICY AND PRACTICE

Centering Community in Public Health

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Land Acknowledgement

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The Praxis Project is a national non-profit organization that works in partnership with national, regional, state, and local partners to achieve health equity and justice for all communities. **Our mission is to build healthy communities by transforming the power relationships and structures that affect our lives and communities.** Praxis supports policy advocacy and local organizing as part of a comprehensive strategy for change.
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Logistics for our webinar

• This webinar will be recorded and posted online.
• Slides AND Q&A responses will be posted online.
• Continuing Education Contact Hours: email jenna@thepraxisproject.org
Community Agreements

• Be respectful
• Be patient
• Brave space
• No wrong questions
• Pop the bubble
• Land the plane
Webinar Engagement

Use Q&A and chat tools throughout webinar

Q&A:
• We will answer questions as they come up
• We will have time for folks to verbally ask questions
• We will then answer written Q&A

Chat:
• Set chat to “all panelists & attendees”
• Chat can be used for comments and engagement with other attendees
Welcome & Introductions

Let’s test the chat tool (to panelists and attendees):
• Name
• Pronouns
• Sector (community, nonprofit, government, etc.)
• Where you’re based/land acknowledgement
Gratitudes

Thank you to the community partners who contributed their wisdom, knowledge, and experience to this discussion:

Praxis technical assistance partners, staff, Board of Directors, and network of basebuilding organizations.
Your ZIP Code shouldn’t predict how long you’ll live.
Social Determinants of Health
Praxis Theory of Change

Build Community Power

Increased Agency to Shape Policies, Systems & Practices

Basebuilding Organizing is Intrinsically Valued and Directly Supported

Positive Change Across Social Determinants of Health Equity

More Just Society
Working Principles for Health Justice & Racial Equity

ACT WITH CARE

COMMITMENT TO TRANSFORMATION

INCLUSIVITY

SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY COLLABORATION
Types of Organizations in Communities

**Advocacy Organization**
A group of people who work to support an issue or protect and defend a group of people, or social good or interest

**Community Service Provider**
Organizations that deliver person-centered care and services within the community

**Community Organization**
An organization that uses its own social structures and resources to accomplish community goals

**Base-Building Organization**
An organization that sets strategies using the priorities of their constituencies to build collective strength and power to address a variety of inequitable conditions within a community
Communities of Praxis

Four Communities of Praxis cohorts make up our Learning Circles, which are designed to emphasize grassroots organizers’ strengths for putting ideas into action to address issues important to our communities’ health and well-being.

1. Early Care & Education
2. Family Supports & Economic Justice
3. Housing Justice
4. Utility Justice – Water & Broadband Internet
Behind the Brief:
Organic Efforts Towards Health Equity-Driven Policy and Practice
Two Key Findings:

1. Organizers are engaged in multi-level and intersectional advocacy and systems change, reflecting the complex and evolving needs of the communities they work within.

2. Organizers are paving the way for public health to create policy, systems and environment change on pressing health, justice, and racial equity issues.
Policy Priorities by Social Determinants of Health Equity

**racism, bias, & other systems of oppression underlie and impact these determinants**
Participant Question

Please type in your response using the chat tool (to all panelists and attendees):

• What social determinants of health equity are YOU improving in your community or organization?
Policy Priorities Across Social Determinants of Health Equity

The X axis represents the number of individual campaigns, initiatives or other efforts of the different organizations working on that social determinant.

- Housing Justice: 49
- Education Justice: 46
- Civic Participation: 27
- Community Safety: 22
- Immigration Climate: 18
- Clean Air, Water, & Soil: 17
- Economic Justice: 14
- Communit Infrastructure: 12
- Identities that are Valued & Welcomed: 9
- Health Care Access: 8
- Food Justice: 7
- Reproductive Justice: 3
- Transportation Justice: 2
- Healthy Marketing & Retail Environment: 2
- Access to Parks & Recreational Space: 1
- Hope & Efficacy: 1
Example: Housing Justice

AYPAL – Oakland, CA

• Media campaign against displacement
• Organizing and direct action to fight gentrification and displacement
Example: Education Justice

Padres y Jóvenes Unidos– Denver, CO

- Increasing access to healthier meals
- Promoting restorative practices
- Reviewing suspension/expulsion data
- Ensuring access to clean water
Example: Food Justice

Diné Community Advocacy Alliance – Navajo Nation

- Monitor implementation of food policy (Healthy Diné Nation Act of 2014)
- Development and advocacy of long-term community wellness plans
Example: Civic Participation

Freedom, Inc. – Madison, WI

• Engage community members in political education and leadership development
• Active in the movement for black lives campaigns
• Neighborhood advocacy using community accountability models
From the Organizers Leading the Work

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PODER is an organization that organizes with Latino immigrant families and youth to put into practice people-powered solutions that are locally based, community led and environmentally just.
Menikanaehhkem

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Menīkānaehhkem is a grassroots community organization based on the Menominee Reservation, in Northeast Wisconsin working to revitalize our communities.
Recommendations:

We urge foundations, funders, and other grantmaking organizations to **identify and invest** in multi-issue and high-impact nonprofit community organizing to reinforce equity-centered, community-driven policy, systems and environmental change.

Together, organizers and traditional public health can join forces to build transformative health justice.
What questions do you have for the speakers and Praxis hosts?

What are YOUR greatest needs with advancing equity-driven policy in your community?
Participant Feedback Poll

Please complete our brief anonymous poll.

We will share a separate evaluation survey afterwards. Please complete it, as your feedback is invaluable to us.
What’s Coming Up for Praxis:

Community Wisdom Brief Series
Stay tuned for the next release:

https://www.thepraxisproject.org/signup-for-updates
What’s Coming up for Praxis:

• **Working Principles for Health Justice & Racial Equity:** [https://www.thepraxisproject.org/our-principles](https://www.thepraxisproject.org/our-principles)

• **Next Webinar:** June 24, 2020: Building & Measuring Community Power for Health Justice

• **Basebuilding Convenings:** virtual support for disaster recovery justice & digital storytelling
Thank You!

* Please don’t forget to complete the evaluation!

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